

## US ARMY GARRISON JAPAN (USAG-J) Environmental Management System (EMS)

What is the purpose of the USAG-J EMS in two words?

### **Continuous Improvement**

By integrating environmental considerations into our management process, the EMS will help to sustain the installation's mission while cost effectively controlling the impacts of our operations on natural resources.

#### **EMS Policy**

- Ensure that environmental factors and considerations are integrated in to all decision-making processes.
- Comply with applicable Federal, Department of Defense, Army and Installation environmental regulations and policies.
- Protect, preserve, conserve and when required restore and enhance, natural and cultural resources.
- Train and educate USAG-J community on their roles and responsibilities as environmental stewards and foster individual accountability.
- Work cooperatively with communities and agencies outside USAG-J to form partnerships to achieve common environmental goals and objectives.

#### **EMS Benefits to the Installation**

- Improved understanding of key environmental issues and their impact on our mission community
- Increased efficiency and use of energy and materials, thus reducing waste and associated costs
- Improved ability to meet legal compliance requirements
- Reduced number and scope of negative impacts to the environment from military operations
- Improved image and relationship with the local community

#### **EMS Objectives**

- Mission Support
- Preventing Pollution
- Sustainable and Beneficial Use
- Legal and Policy Compliance

#### **Communication is the Key to Success**

Soldiers, civilian, and others on the installation are obligated to convey concerns, issues and problems through their chain command, their Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO), or the Installation Environmental Management Representative (EMR).

For additional information, please call 263-3131 (Honshu) or 644-5189 (Okinawa).

#### **How Does EMS Affect Me?**

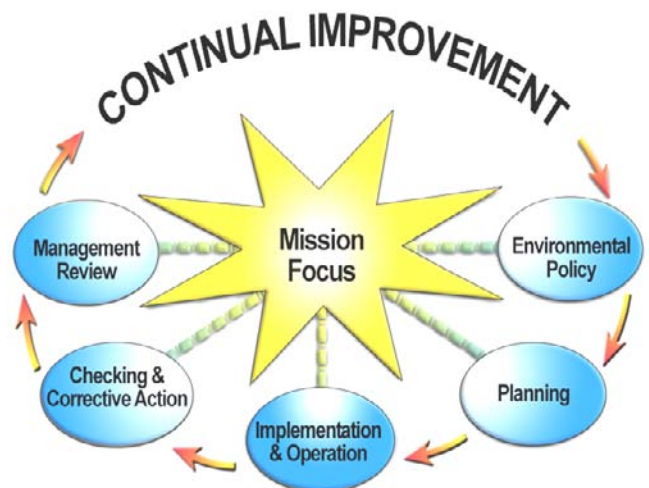
##### **You should know:**

- USAG-J environmental policy
- How your work activities affect the environment and how negative impacts can be controlled
- Objectives and targets for improved environmental performance in your area
- Your responsibility for emergency procedures
- Consequences of non-conformance

#### **Sustainability and EMS**

- The USAG-J supports the Department of the Army strategy for the environment:

**“Sustain the Mission – Secure the Future”** The USAG-J environmental strategy recognizes the “Triple Bottom Line” of sustainability: Mission, Environment and Community. EMS serves as a framework for integrating sustainability into our activities to improve our environmental performance and compliance. By reducing our impacts on the environment, we reduce our true cost of doing business; improve the quality of life for Soldiers, Families and neighbors, and sustain our mission.



**Environmental Stewardship is Everyone's Business**